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A Forewarning?

Many cities In America still have serious problems with homelessness, poverty, violence and crime. Many small towns in most American States have problems with drug abuse. Yet the incoming (January 2025) President is apparently more concerned with projecting an international image of a 'strong man' who is the Commander-in-Chief of the most powerful military forces in the world. Hence his aggressive plans, following America's humiliating defeat In Afghanistan in 2021, to annex, by whatever means, Greenland and Canada to appropriate their natural resources and bolster American hegemony. The tradition of the NATO allies in Europe being powerless American functionaries, doing whatever their Master commands, will assuredly continue as will the tradition of some of the politicians of those allies publicly voicing objections (to placate their people) while commanding their military leaders to obey and while imposing whatever economic and trade sanctions on whatever country America demands such sanctions be imposed.

Furthermore, during his previous tenure as President there was no attempt to try and solve the many social problems that blight America; with a main concern to highlight economic growth, which both benefited corporations and increased national debt, but did not benefit working folk: for example at the end of his Presidency unemployment had reached 8.1% from the 4.4% at the start.

Thus it seems that in the last 200 years, little had changed in the Western world. The same rhetoric and the same imperial desires to make 'our' country great and powerful again. Grabbing land and resources because it's in 'our' national interest. The same bellicose threats. The same diverting attention away from our internal problems since appeals to patriotism still work. The same pretence that 'we' are better, more 'civilized', than them our enemies: those already designated as enemies or to be declared as enemies. No lessons learned about war, invasions, subjugations, and the human suffering inflicted.

With the current fires raging in LA County and the state of California there has been a forewarning of what is going to happen and a reminder of what occurred during his last term as President when he claimed that climate change was not a factor but that problems with Fire Department policies and administration were. Of those more recent fires the President-elect has falsely claimed that one problem was the environmentalist-lobby efforts to divert water to help a small fish that lives hundreds of miles away, and that, true to his Vulgarian nature he used the ploy of insulting him: "Governor Gavin Newsom [*sic*] should immediately go to Northern California and open up the water main, and let the water flow" from there, with the reality being most Los Angeles water comes from the city's aqueduct, not Northern California. In addition his new influential ally, Elon Musk, claimed Los Angeles Fire Chief Kristin Crowley was partly to blame because her department had "prioritized DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion] over saving lives and homes."

The forewarning is a failure to follow the evidence, to politicize events, to demonize people (as has occurred with Governor Gavin Newsom) and generally use the Media to spread their own political narrative, discredit whoever publicly challenges their version of events and those who in positions of authority (like Fire Chief Kristin Crowley) have views or who champion causes they actively dislike and regard as wrong. Much of this, by the President-elect and his minions, will no doubt be wrapped in rhetoric about 'patriotism', about making America 'great', and about God or at least their believed in God who apparently doesn't like abortion, LGBT people, and programmes to promote DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion] and who doesn't really concern himself with homelessness and poverty but does seem to like America supplying modern weapons to those considered by several former Presidents, one of which is now President-elect again, are those 'chosen by God' even though such weapons have been used and will be used to kill tens of thousands of civilians, including women and children, destroy more hospitals and more schools; reduce larger portions of an already occupied land to rubble, and continue the famine, and the severe shortages of water and of medical supplies. As has already occurred, the governments of Western countries will not protest and no doubt continue with adding their own weapons to the consignments sent by America. {1}

Storms Ahoy

The man-made storms - costing millions of lives from 1914-1918 to 1939-1945 to the fall of Saigon in 1975 and the fall of Kabul in 2021 to current storms raging in Ukraine and the Middle East - are predicted to not only continue but to intensify. Eventually leading, probably after many decades, to economic disorder and then to large-scale social disorder in places such as America and Britain. After which the political and military map of the world will have substantially changed, perhaps allowing some places to slowly recover and rebuild. Until the next man-made storm.

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{1} In the case of NATO member Britain, governments, including the current 'Labour' one, have spent more money on pretending they are still a major military force in the world than on funding the NHS, Social Care, and Local Councils. Hence the money spent on military weapons and support to Ukraine and a certain Middle Eastern country; their military patrols, surface, sub-surface, airborne, in the North Sea against their once ally Russia; their patrols and somewhat pathetic 'show of force' in the Mediterranean, in the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, around China and Korea. And so on.